

REMARKS

These amendment and remarks are being filed in response to the final Office Action dated July 25, 2006. For the following reasons this amendment should be entered, the application allowed, and the case passed to issue.

No new matter or considerations are introduced by this amendment. This amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 23-28 are pending in this application. Claims 14-16 and 18-22 have been rejected. Claims 23-28 are allowed. Claims 1-13 and 17 were previously canceled. Claims 14-16 and 18-22 have been canceled in this response.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 23-28 are allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowed claims. As only allowed claims 23-28 remain pending in this application, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U. S. C. § 103

Claims 14, 15, and 18-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wenger in view of Donahey (U.S. Pat. No. 5,165,501).

This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested. This rejection is moot as claims 14, 15, and 18-22 have been canceled.

Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wenger in view of Donahey and further in view of Gould et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 4,823,912).

This rejection is traversed, and reconsideration and withdrawal thereof respectfully requested. This rejection is moot as claim 16 has been canceled.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this amendment should be entered, the application allowed, and the case passed to issue. If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated to expedite the prosecution of the application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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